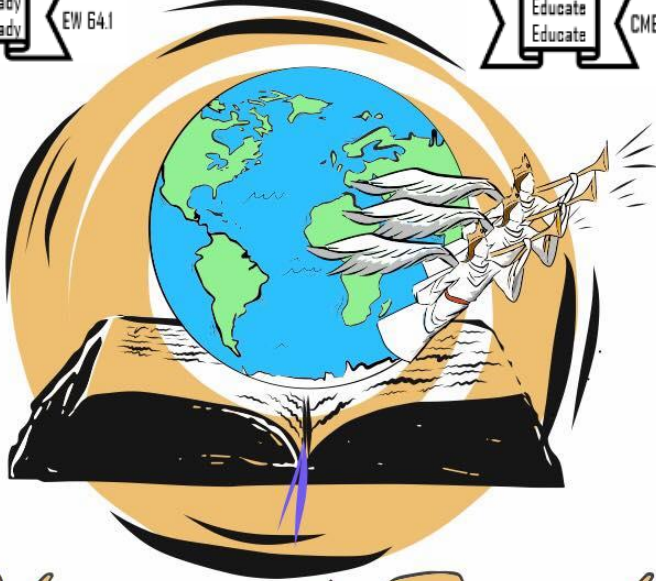


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# Chain of Truth Ministries

*Presents....*

## **The Remnant Deliverance Ministry Manual**

*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye  
have received, freely give.*

Matthew 10:8

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## Selected Messages

**We are none of us to seek to cast out devils, lest we ourselves be cast out.**  
{Lt96-1900.5}

I was shown that it was not the Spirit of the Lord that was inspiring Brother and Sister Mackin, but the same **spirit of fanaticism that is ever seeking entrance into the remnant church**. Their application of Scripture to their peculiar exercises is Scripture misapplied. The work of declaring persons possessed of the devil, and then praying with them and pretending to cast out the evil spirits, is fanaticism which will bring into disrepute any church which sanctions such work. {Lt354-1908.2}

This is a time when we need to be very watchful and to guard carefully the character of the work done. Some will seek to bring in false theories and will come with false messages. Satan will stir human minds to create fanaticism in our ranks. We have seen something of this in the year 1908. **The Lord desires His people to move carefully, guarding the expressions and even the attitude.** Satan will use peculiarities of attitude and voice to cause excitement and to work on human minds to deceive. {Lt382-1908.15}

I have been shown that just such phases of error as I was compelled to meet among Advent believers after the passing of the time in 1844, will be repeated in these last days. In our early experience, I had to go from place to place and bear message after message to disappointed companies of believers. The evidences accompanying my messages were so great that the honest in heart received as truth the words that were spoken. The power of God was revealed in a marked manner, and men and women were freed from the baleful influence of fanaticism and disorder, and were brought into the unity of the faith.—Letter 358, 1908 (Published in The Review and Herald, August 10, 17, 24, 1972.) {3SM 376.4}

Great light has been given to the people of God. Let our people awake and go forward to perfection. You will be exposed to the fallacies of satanic agencies. Fearful waves of fanaticism will come. But **God will deliver the people who will earnestly seek the Lord and consecrate themselves to His service.** {Lt354-1908.6}

**The great deceiver** has many agents ready to present any and every kind of error to ensnare souls,—heresies prepared to suit the varied tastes and capacities of those whom he would ruin. **It is his plan to bring into the church insincere, unregenerate elements that will encourage doubt and unbelief, and hinder all who desire to see the work of God advance, and to advance with it.** Many who have no real faith in God or in his Word, assent to some principles of truth, and pass as Christians; and thus they are enabled to introduce their errors as scriptural doctrines. {GC88 520.1}

The position that it is of no consequence what men believe, is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. **He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel.** From the beginning, the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the Word of God. That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant, found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth. {GC88 520.2}

## **General Statements**

From this time on to the end men will spring up, men who are remarkably sharp, with whom those who have not an intelligent knowledge of the truth, or who do not have special help from God, can in no way contend. Some human agents will be imbued with the spirit of the great fallen angel, who will be present in every meeting to help the human agent to voice his words and to speak in such a manner that many will be deceived—if possible, the very elect. {Lt96-1900.3}

Our only safety every day and every hour is to be on watch. We cannot become indolent and careless. I tell you that God would have His people to be ever on guard. The brother who may suppose that he can meet the adversaries of truth is to know that he is directed of the Lord. What can be done? may be asked. Unless we know that we have a commission from on high, we are to refuse to enter into controversy with anyone, because this is not our work. {Lt96-1900.4}

A striking example of their number, power, and malignity, and also of the power and mercy of Christ, is given in the Scripture account of the healing of the demoniacs at Gadara. Those wretched maniacs, spurning all restraint, writhing, foaming, raging, were filling the air with their cries, doing violence to themselves, and endangering all who should approach them. Their bleeding and disfigured bodies and distracted minds presented a spectacle well-pleasing to the prince of darkness. One of the demons controlling the sufferers declared, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” [Mark 5:9.] In the Roman army a legion consisted of from three to five thousand men. Satan’s hosts also are marshaled in companies, and the single company to which these demons belonged numbered no less than a legion. {GC88 514.2}

Those possessed with devils are usually represented as being in a condition of great suffering; yet there were exceptions to this rule. For the sake of obtaining supernatural power, some welcomed the Satanic influence. These of course had no conflict with the demons. Of this class were those who possessed the spirit of divination,—Simon Magus, Elymas the sorcerer, and the damsel who followed Paul and Silas at Philippi. {GC88 516.1}

## **About Satan & Demons**

### **1. ALL ABOUT SATAN**

As to Satan, he is variously named Lucifer, fallen cherub, accuser of the brethren, adversary, Beelzebub, devil, enemy, evil spirit, father of lies, liar, lying spirit, murderer, old serpent, power of darkness, prince of this world, prince of devils, prince of the power of the air, god of this world, Satan, spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience, tempter, unclean spirit, wicked one. What an unsavory and incriminating array! The supporting scriptures are here listed for reference. 1 {CFF2 1153.1}

Satan was once an angel of light, his name being Lucifer, meaning “light-bearer” (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:13-19). But rebellion against God changed him into a demon of darkness. And the angels who sided with him and were cast out of heaven with him (Revelation 12:7-12, 4) henceforth have their abode in the realms of darkness (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). “Darkness” represents satanic evil and symbolizes its author. {CFF2 1154.1}

“None of us liveth to himself.” Romans 14:7. This is a law of God in heaven and on earth. God is the great center. From Him all life proceeds. To Him all service, homage, and allegiance belong. For all created beings there is the one great principle of life—dependence upon and co-operation with God. The relationship existing in the pure family of God in heaven was to exist in the family of God on earth. Under God, Adam was to stand at the head of the earthly family to maintain the principles of the heavenly family. This would have brought peace and happiness. But the law that none “liveth to himself” Satan was determined to oppose. He desired to live for self. He sought to make himself a center of influence. It was this that incited rebellion in heaven, and it was man's acceptance of this principle that brought sin on earth. When Adam sinned, man broke away from the heaven-ordained center. A demon became the central power in the world. Where God's throne should have been, Satan had placed his throne. The world laid its homage, as a willing offering, at the feet of the enemy. {6T 236.1}

But the purposes of Christ were not thwarted. He allowed the evil spirits to destroy the herd of swine as a rebuke to those Jews who were raising these unclean beasts for the sake of gain. Had not Christ restrained the demons, they would have plunged into the sea, not only the swine, but also their keepers and owners. The preservation of both the keepers and the owners was due alone to his power, mercifully exercised for their deliverance.

Furthermore, this event was permitted to take place that the disciples might witness the cruel power of Satan upon both man and beast. ...{GC88 515.1}

None are in greater danger from the influence of evil spirits than are those who, notwithstanding the direct and ample testimony of the Scriptures, deny the existence and agency of the devil and his angels. So long as we are ignorant of their wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom. This is why, as we approach the close of time, when Satan is to work with greatest power to deceive and destroy, he spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist. It is his policy to conceal himself and his manner of working. {GC88 516.2}

Let all remember how adroitly and cunningly did Satan command Christ to cast Himself from the temple, quoting Scripture to show Him that it was the very thing for Him to do, for in this way He could give evidence to all the people that He was what He claimed to be. "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." [Matthew 4:6.] In quoting this Scripture, Satan left out a very important point which reads in (Psalm 91:11), "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." {Lt96-1900.6}

Satan is the God of the world; his influence is to pervert the senses, control the human mind for evil, and drive his victims to violence and crime. He sows discord and darkens the intellect. The work of Christ is to break his power over the children of men. Yet how many in every department of life, in the home, in business transactions, and in the church, turn Jesus from their doors but let the hateful monster in. {3Red 92.1}

Properly speaking, there is but one devil, though some translations of the Scriptures would make it appear that there are many. This name is from the Greek, Diabolos. The LXX., the translators of the Old Testament into Greek, uniformly used Diabolos for the Hebrew name, Satan. It signifies adversary. Of Diabolus, Liddell and Scott give the definition, "the slanderer, the devil." Schrevelius defines it, "a slanderer, the devil, Satan." In Revelation 12:9, 10, "That old serpent, called the devil, and Satan," is also called the "accuser of our brethren." Satan was the adversary and accuser, or slanderer, of Job. See Job 1. And as the serpent he falsely accused God of withholding benefits from Adam and Eve to which they were justly entitled, whereby he deceived

them to their ruin. Genesis 3:1-6. Well did the Saviour say of the devil: “He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.” John 8:44. {ATNM 60.3}

The Scriptures declare that upon one occasion, when the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them, [Job 1:6.] not to bow before the Eternal King, but to further his own malicious designs against the righteous. With the same object he is in attendance when men assemble for the worship of God. Though hidden from sight, he is working with all diligence to control the minds of the worshipers. Like a skillful general, he lays his plans beforehand. As he sees the messenger of God searching the Scriptures, he takes note of the subject to be presented to the people. Then he employs all his cunning and shrewdness to so control circumstances that the message may not reach those whom he is deceiving on that very point. The one who most needs the warning will be urged into some business transaction which requires his presence, or will by some other means be prevented from hearing the words that might prove to him a savor of life unto life. {GC88 518.3}

Again, Satan sees the Lord’s servants burdened because of the spiritual darkness that enshrouds the people. He hears their earnest prayers for divine grace and power to break the spell of indifference, carelessness, and indolence. Then with renewed zeal he plies his arts. He tempts men to the indulgence of appetite or to some other form of self-gratification, and thus benumbs their sensibilities, so that they fail to hear the very things which they most need to learn. {GC88 519.1}

Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind. There has ever been a class professing godliness, who, instead of following on to know the truth, **make it their religion to seek some fault of character or error of faith in those with whom they do not agree.** Such are Satan’s right-hand helpers. Accusers of the brethren are not few; and they are always active when God is at work, and his servants are rendering him true homage. They will put a false coloring upon the words and acts of those who love and obey the truth. They will represent the most earnest, zealous, self-denying servants of Christ as deceived or deceivers. It is their work to misrepresent the motives of every true and noble deed, to circulate insinuations, and arouse suspicion in the minds of the inexperienced. In every conceivable manner they will seek



to cause that which is pure and righteous to be regarded as foul and deceptive. {GC88 519.2}

## **2. REALITY, PERSONALITY, AND INFLUENCE OF DEMONS**

As to demons, the New Testament constantly testifies to the reality and personality of demons. They are called “spirits,” “unclean spirits,” “wicked spirits” (Matthew 8:31; Matthew 10:1; Matthew 12:43; Mark 6:7; Mark 7:25, 26; Luke 10:17, 20; Ephesians 6:12 [margin]). In the Gospels “unclean spirits” is used interchangeably with “devils” (Matthew 8:31; Mark 1:27, 34; Mark 3:11, 15; Mark 6:7). They are the devil’s “angels” (Matthew 25:41), and are so numerous as to make Satan’s power operative practically everywhere (Mark 5:2, 8, 9). They are capable of entering and controlling both man and beast (Mark 5:8, 11-13). Satan and his fallen angels have the ability to impart information, to change their appearance, and to personate others (Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15). Satan sometimes appears as an “angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). {CFF2 1154.2}

Demon influence and possession are constantly portrayed in the New Testament 2 These demons are unclean, sullen, violent, malicious. 3 They know Jesus to be the most high God, and are compelled to recognize His authority. 4 They inflict physical maladies (Matthew 12:22; Matthew 17:15-18; Luke 13:16), and cause those disorders of the mind induced by demon control. They know they are to be tormented (Matthew 8:29; Luke 8:28). Christ while on earth cast out devils by the Holy Spirit of God (Matthew 12:28). {CFF2 1154.3}

But Satan was the chief, the leader of the rebellious ones. He originated the war against the government of God. He was higher in rank and mightier in power than they, and it was by his superior wisdom and influence that he led so many away from their allegiance to the Most High. And, therefore, names and titles are given to him which are never given to them. While they are uniformly called demons (in the New Testament), he is called the devil, Satan, Apollyon, Diabolus, etc. Because he is their leader and they have given themselves to follow him in his works of inquiry, our Saviour speaks of them together, as the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41. The same is found in 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.” “He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” This identifies the dragon as Satan. In Matthew 9:34 he is called the “prince of the demons;” in Ephesians 2:2, “the prince of the power of the air;” and in 2

Corinthians 4:4, “The god of this world.” Jesus also refers to him as “the prince of this world.” {ATNM 62.1}

A certain writer has well said: “Daimon, in the New Testament, always means an evil spirit, who is under Satan’s control, a demon. The word Satan means an adversary, an opposer; it is never found in the plural number, so that the sacred writers acknowledge but one being of that name.” But the demons are many, even legions. See Luke 8:26-30. These are Satan’s servants, his emissaries to carry on his work in all parts of the world. Against all these Paul warns us, as follows: “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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.” Ephesians 6:11, 12. Not against the rulers of this world, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world. {ATNM 63.1}

...One of the demons controlling the sufferers declared, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” [Mark 5:9.] In the Roman army a legion consisted of from three to five thousand men. Satan’s hosts also are marshaled in companies, and the single company to which these demons belonged numbered no less than a legion. {GC88 514.2}

Evil spirits, in the beginning created sinless, were equal in nature, power, and glory with the holy beings that are now God’s messengers. But fallen through sin, they are leagued together for the dishonor of God and the destruction of men. United with Satan in his rebellion, and with him cast out from Heaven, they have, through all succeeding ages, co-operated with him in his warfare against the divine authority. We are told in Scripture of their confederacy and government, of their various orders, of their intelligence and subtlety, and of their malicious designs against the peace and happiness of men. {GC88 513.2}

Old-Testament history presents occasional mentions of their existence and agency; but it was during the time when Christ was upon the earth that evil spirits manifested their power in the most striking manner. Christ had come to enter upon the plan devised for man’s redemption, and Satan determined to assert his right to control the world. He had succeeded in establishing idolatry in every part of the earth except the land of Palestine. To the only land that had not fully yielded to the tempter’s sway, Christ came to shed upon the people the light of Heaven. Here two rival powers claimed

supremacy. Jesus was stretching out his arms of love, inviting all who would to find pardon and peace in him. The hosts of darkness saw that they did not possess unlimited control, and they understood that if Christ's mission should be successful, their rule was soon to end. Satan raged like a chained lion, and defiantly exhibited his power over the bodies as well as the souls of men. {GC88 513.3}

### **3. EVIL ACTIVITIES OF THE DEMONS**

While devils, or demons, were constantly worshiped by the heathen of old, that worship was strictly forbidden among the people of God (Leviticus 17:7; Zechariah 13:2). A succession of instances of demon possession appear in the New Testament—the two Gergesenes, the dumb man, the blind and dumb man, the Syro-Phoenician's daughter, the lunatic child, the man in the synagogue, and Mary Magdalene. These were cast out by Jesus (Matthew 4:24; 8:16; Mark 3:22; Luke 8:2). Power over demons was also given to His disciples, and they too cast them out. {CFF2 1155.1}

Demons are ever the adversaries of man (Matthew 12:45), and bear false messages. Nevertheless, they “believe and tremble” concerning heavenly realities, and are to be judged (James 2:19; Matthew 8:29) and punished (Matthew 8:29; Luke 8:28; 2 Peter 2:4). Of this they are fully aware. They exist in an atmosphere of desperation. {CFF2 1155.2}

“He said, ‘Brother Daniells, every word of it is true. For weeks I have been tormented by these evil spirits. I have been thrown out of my bed, and I have been hammered on the floor by those demons; it has wrecked my nerves, and I was about to give up to them and {GVEGW 117.10} become their obedient slave again.’” 30 {GVEGW 118.1}

Writing to Mrs. White a more complete account of what transpired, on September 12, 1897, Daniells said that Davis “described the spirit that had followed him.... It purports to be the spirit of an Oriental from Tibet. This spirit has appeared to Brother Davis over and over again. He has a white beard and wears a turban.... The last time this spirit appeared to him ...Brother Davis had just gone to bed when it approached him with a terrible countenance. On reaching the bedside, it laid one hand upon him, and raised the other hand and swore that he would kill him. Brother Davis cried out in agony, and it left. He says that the awful visage of that spirit remained in his mind so that he could hardly sleep that night. It seemed to him that if it appeared to him again, it would surely end his life.” 31 {GVEGW 118.2}

The power and malice of Satan and his host might justly alarm us, were it not that we may find shelter and deliverance in the superior power of our Redeemer. We carefully secure our houses with bolts and locks to protect our property and our lives from evil men; but we seldom think of the evil angels who are constantly seeking access to us, and against whose attacks we have, in our own strength, no method of defense. If permitted, they can distract our minds, disorder, torment our bodies, destroy our possessions and our lives. Their only delight is in misery and destruction. Fearful is the condition of those who resist the divine claims, and yield to Satan's temptations, until God gives them up to the control of evil spirits. **But those who follow Christ are ever safe under his watchcare. Angels that excel in strength are sent from Heaven to protect them.** The wicked one cannot break through the guard which God has stationed about his people. {GC88 517.2}

... when the Son of God appeared on this earth, the spirits of demons were busily working, possessing the minds of the people, and opposing the truth. The Saviour gave his disciples power over unclean spirits, and told them to cast out demons; and they reported that the spirits were subject to them in this name. Matthew 10:1-8; Luke 10:17-20. And Paul said that in the last days there would be deceivers resisting the truth as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses. 2 Timothy 3:1-9. And again, in discoursing of the second coming of Christ, he said:— {FEE 167.2}

Other instances of a similar nature are recorded in the Scriptures. The daughter of the Syro-Phenician woman was grievously vexed with a devil, whom Jesus cast out by his word. [Mark 7:26-30.] One “possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb,” [Matthew 12:22.] a youth who had a dumb spirit, that oftentimes “cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him,” [Mark 9:17-27.] the maniac, who, tormented by “a spirit of an unclean devil,” [Luke 4:33-36.] disturbed the Sabbath quiet of the synagogue at Capernaum, were all healed by the compassionate Saviour. In nearly every instance, Christ addressed the demon as an intelligent entity, commanding him to come out of his victim and to torment him no more. The worshipers at Capernaum, beholding his mighty power, “were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.” [Luke 4:33-36.] {GC88 515.2}

Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.<sup>74</sup> {Mar 210.6}

In consenting to do Satan's bidding, Christ would be venturing into Satan's ways, not in ways that God had devised for His Son. That was a dare, and Satan's agents are full of presumptuous dares to get a chance to work his will with those who will accept his dare. But Christ would not accept the dare of Satan. Christ would not enter into controversy with the arch deceiver and tempter. He said, "It is written again, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." [Matthew 4:7.] This means more than some understand. These words acknowledge the prerogative of the law of God, whom Satan was tempting because Christ in His assumed humanity was working out the plan of redemption for the fallen race. {Lt96-1900.7}

## **5. PRACTITIONERS BECOME SLAVES OF SATAN**

According to Scripture, many in ancient Israel "sold themselves" to do evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Kings 17:17), by means of necromancy, witchcraft, sorcery, familiar spirits, and the like. But such practitioners thus became the servants of the demoniacal powers behind the occult and mysterious rites. They were thenceforth slaves of Satan. That was the terrible seriousness of it all. {CFF2 1156.2}

## **6. OTHER INSIGHTS ABOUT DEMONS**

Show and fashion are the demon altar upon which many American women sacrifice their children. The mother places upon the little morsel of humanity the fashionable dresses which she had spent weeks in making, which are wholly unfit for its use, if health is to be regarded of any account. The garments are made extravagantly long, and in order to keep them upon the infant, its body is girted with tight bands, or waists, which hinder the free action of the heart and lungs. Infants are also compelled to bear a needless weight because of the length of their garments, and thus clothed, they do not have free use of their muscles and limbs. {ZSM 466}

It is not safe for you to trust to impressions and feelings. It has been your misfortune to come under the power of that satanic delusion, spiritualism. This pall of death has covered you, and your imagination and nerves have been under the control of demons; and when you become self-confident and do not cling with unwavering confidence to God you are in positive danger. You may, and frequently do, let down the bars and invite the enemy in, and he controls your thoughts and actions, while you are really deceived and flatter yourself that you are in favor with God. {3T418}

Thus he [Satan] works when he entices men to sell the soul for liquor. He takes possession of body, mind, and soul, and it is no longer the man, but Satan, who acts. And the cruelty of Satan is expressed as the drunkard lifts his hand to strike down the wife he has promised to love and cherish as long as life shall last. The deeds of the drunkard are an expression of Satan's violence.—Medical Ministry, 114.

Indulgence in intoxicating liquor places a man wholly under the control of the demon who devised this stimulant in order to deface and destroy the moral image of God.—Manuscript 1, 1899.

When Christ sent forth the disciples with the gospel message, faith in God and His word had well-nigh departed from the world. Among the Jewish people, who professed to have a knowledge of Jehovah, His word had been set aside for tradition and human speculation. Selfish ambition, love of ostentation, greed of gain, absorbed men's thoughts. As reverence for God departed, so also departed compassion toward men. Selfishness was the ruling principle, and Satan worked his will in the misery and degradation of mankind. Satanic agencies took possession of men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, became the habitation of demons. The senses, the nerves, the organs of men were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which men were possessed. {MH 142}

Like the bellowing of wild beasts came the answer of the mob, "Release unto us Barabbas!" Louder and louder swelled the cry, Barabbas! Barabbas! Thinking that the people had not understood his question, Pilate asked, "Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?" But they cried out again, "Away with this Man, and release unto us Barabbas"! "What shall I do then

with Jesus which is called Christ?" Pilate asked. Again the surging multitude roared like demons. Demons themselves, in human form, were in the crowd, and what could be expected but the answer, "Let Him be crucified"? {DA 733.2}

The demon's message to Saul, although it was a denunciation of sin and a prophecy of retribution, was not meant to reform him, but to goad him to despair and ruin. Oftener, however, it serves the tempter's purpose best to lure men to destruction by flattery. The teaching of the demon gods in ancient times fostered the vilest license. The divine precepts condemning sin and enforcing righteousness were set aside; truth was lightly regarded, and impurity was not only permitted but enjoined. Spiritualism declares that there is no death, no sin, no judgment, no retribution; that "men are unfallen demigods;" that desire is the highest law; and that man is accountable only to himself. The barriers that God has erected to guard truth, purity, and reverence are broken down, and many are thus emboldened in sin. Does not such teaching suggest an origin similar to that of demon worship? {PP 688}

I was directed to this scripture as especially applying to modern spiritualism: Colossians 2:8: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Thousands, I was shown, have been spoiled through the philosophy of phrenology and animal magnetism, and have been driven into infidelity. If the mind commences to run in this channel, it is almost sure to lose its balance and be controlled by a demon. "Vain deceit" fills the minds of poor mortals. They think there is such power in themselves to accomplish great works that they realize no necessity of a higher power. Their principles and faith are "after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Jesus has not taught them this philosophy. Nothing of the kind can be found in His teachings. He did not direct the minds of poor mortals to themselves, to a power which they possessed. He was ever directing their minds to God, the Creator of the universe, as the source of their strength and wisdom. Special warning is given in verse 18: "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." {1T 297}

Devils even believed and trembled, but the Israel of God had closed their eyes and ears to divine evidences, and knew not the time of their visitation. Satan's object in leading his wretched victim to the synagogue, was to distract the attention of the people from Jesus to the paroxysms of the poor sufferer and prevent the words of truth from reaching the hearts of the people. But the darkened understanding of the man comprehended that the teachings of Jesus were from Heaven. The power of divinity aroused the terror of the demon which controlled his mind, and a conflict ensued between it and his remnant of reason. As the victim realized that the Healer was near to release him, his heart was aroused to long for freedom from Satan's power. The demon resisted this power and held control over the poor wretch who was wrestling against him. The sufferer tried to appeal to Jesus for help, but when he opened his lips, the demon put words in his mouth so that he shrieked out in an agony of fear, "Let us alone! what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?" The darkened reason of the poor man partially comprehended that he was in the presence of one who could free him from the bondage that had so long enslaved him; but when he sought to come within reach of that mighty hand, another's will held him back, another's words found utterance through him. {2SP 177.3-178.1}

Satan was exulting that he had succeeded in debasing the image of God in humanity. Then Jesus came to restore in man the image of his Maker. None but Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin. He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will. He came to lift us up from the dust, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory. {DA 37.3}

#### Demons of...

1. of evil and cruelty, intoxicating liquor turns man into it... {Te 39.3}
2. of strife, obedience to God's law protects family against... {AH 106}
3. of unkindness, results of long cherishing {SL 16}
4. of greed, Judas Iscariot surrendered to demon of greed {Ed 92.2}
5. of appetite {2MR 140.2}
6. of intemperance, Christ can help to overcome {CG 401.2}
  - a. the slave of alcohol is under the power of a demon (MHH 91.2)
  - b. is of giant strength {FE 143; Te 176}
  - c. God can help to conquer it {Te 258}
    - i. not easily conquered {FE 143; 3T 567; Te 176}
7. of jealousy, in King Saul's heart {PP 650.1}



8. of passion, in King Saul's breast {PP 668.2}
  - a. Any unpleasant spirit displayed is sure to arouse the demon of passion in unguarded hearts. Unholy anger needs not to be strengthened, but bridled... {14LtMs, Lt 117, 1899, par. 21}
9. of lust {11 LtMs, Lt 106a, 1896, par. 20}
10. of selfishness {DA 294.3}
  - a. The demon's name is Legion, and he aims to drive Christ and the spirit of self-sacrifice out of the world. Through Legion's influence, the church is weak {BEcho February 12, 1894, par. 5}
    - i. Selfishness is the root of all evil. {12LtMs, Lt 113a, 1897, par. 9}
    - ii. Selfishness brings with it all other evils. – Luke 8:30
      - **Who presides over and controls the selfish heart?** Could the curtain be withdrawn, that passionate, professed believer would see **a legion of satanic angels controlling him with their own spirit.** He is standing in the presence of holy angels and in the presence of Satan's hellish army, and his conduct shows that he has no right to the name of "Christian." He professes much, but brings forth thorn berries. Self is the mainspring of action. One such exhibition before the people is sufficient to testify: How can two walk together, except they be agreed? {13LtMs, Ms 176, 1898, par. 11}

## **True Deliverance Ministry**

The fact that men have been possessed with demons, is clearly stated in the New Testament. The persons thus afflicted were not merely suffering with disease from natural causes. **Christ had perfect understanding of that with which he was dealing, and he recognized the direct presence and agency of evil spirits.** {GC88 514.1}

While they were waiting at the foot of the mountain, a father had brought to them his son, to be delivered from a dumb spirit that tormented him. Authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, had been conferred on the disciples when Jesus sent out the twelve to preach through Galilee. As they went forth strong in faith, **the evil spirits had obeyed their word.** Now in the name of Christ they commanded the torturing spirit to leave his victim; but the demon only mocked them by a fresh display of his power. The disciples, unable to account for their defeat, felt that they were bringing dishonor upon themselves and their Master. And in the crowd there were scribes who made the most of this opportunity to humiliate them. Pressing around the disciples, they plied them with questions, seeking to prove that they and their Master were deceivers. Here, the rabbi triumphantly declared, was an evil spirit that neither the disciples nor Christ Himself could conquer. The people were inclined to side with the scribes, and a feeling of contempt and scorn pervaded the crowd. {DA 427.2}

...God does not work through his children in a way that brings the truth into disrepute, and that unnecessarily creates deep-seated prejudice and bitter opposition. **In our work we must take a straightforward course and seek to reach the people where they are.** {3SM 372.3}

Let all who will seek to read or interpret the Scriptures consider, when they have ends to gain, that they should **do everything openly and fairly, not trying to cover up the point by reading half the words** as did Satan. The Lord Jesus, although weak and faint through hunger, spoke words which enabled Him to maintain the character that He knew God had given to endure this test. Yet it was a temptation. {Lt96-1900.8}

During the years of Christ's ministry on earth godly women assisted in the work that the Saviour and His disciples were carrying forward. If those who were opposing this work could have found anything out of the regular order in the conduct of these women, it would have closed the work at once. But

while women were laboring with Christ and the apostles, the entire work was conducted on so high a plane as to be above the shadow of a suspicion. No occasion for any accusation could be found. **The minds of all were directed to the Scriptures rather than to individuals. The truth was proclaimed intelligently, and so plainly that all could understand.** {3SM 374.3}

Of course they will; and for this reason **we ought to be very guarded. It is through the Word—not feeling, not excitement—that we want to influence the people to obey the truth.** On the platform of God’s Word we can stand with safety. The living Word is replete with evidence, and a wonderful power accompanies its proclamation in our world. {3SM 375.7}

Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning. The papal leaders select such portions of Scripture as best serve their purpose, interpret to suit themselves, and then present these to the people, while they deny them the privilege of studying the Bible, and understanding its sacred truths for themselves. The whole Bible should be given to the people just as it reads. It would be better for them not to have Bible instruction at all than to have the teaching of the Scriptures thus grossly misrepresented. {GC88 521.1}

**It is faith and prayer that cast out evil spirits.** We may ask Christ with full assurance of faith for enlarged capacity for service, for increased power to help souls. But let us remember constantly that it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive power and efficiency. {ST June 21, 1905, par. 9}

This meeting was rather singular. Sister Brown had been at times under the influence of demons manifested through spiritualism. The morning before, she was overpowered and lay helpless, bound by the satanic influences. **Prayer offered in faith rebuked the demon.** She then related her experience, which was very striking and most painful, because she was a helpless captive to satanic influences. {8LtMs, Ms 78, 1893, par. 16}

Christ says to those who are working for Him, **“Let not self be exalted. In My name, in reliance on My power, go forth to labor for God. Make it plain that it is by the power of Me, your Redeemer, that you perform miracles.”** When God’s servants are indeed one with Him in spirit and action, Christ removes the obstacles from their way and gives them access to hearts. He accompanies the proclamation of truth with His power. {Lt193-1901.23-24}

Call a Halt—My brother and sister, I have a message for you: you are starting on a false supposition. There is much of self woven into your exhibitions. Satan will come in with bewitching power, through these exhibitions. It is high time that you call a halt. If God had given you a special message for His people, you would walk and work in all humility—not as if you were on the stage of a theater, but in the meekness of a follower of the lowly Jesus of Nazareth. You would carry an influence altogether different from that which you have been carrying. You would be anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus. {3SM 377.1}

..The work of Christ is to break his power over the children of men...  
{3Red 92.1}

The life of God, which gives life to the world, is in His word. **It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons.** By His word He stilled the sea and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. He spoke the word of God as He had spoken it to all the Old Testament writers. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. **It is our only source of power.** {GW 250.2}

The disciples and their companions flee in terror; but presently they notice that Jesus is not with them, and they turn to look for Him. He is standing where they left Him. He who stilled the tempest, who has before met Satan and conquered him, **does not flee before these demons.** When the men, gnashing their teeth and foaming at the mouth, approach Him, **Jesus raises that hand** which has beckoned the waves to rest, and the men can come no nearer. They stand before Him, raging but helpless. {MH 95.2}

**With authority He bids the unclean spirits come out of them.** The unfortunate men realize that One is near who can save them from the tormenting demons. They fall at the Saviour's feet to entreat His mercy; but when their lips are opened, the demons speak through them, crying, "What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? art Thou come hither to torment us?" Matthew 8:29. {MH 96.1}

**The evil spirits are forced to release their victims, and a wonderful change comes over the demoniacs.** Light shines into their minds. Their eyes beam with intelligence. The countenances so long deformed into the image of Satan become suddenly mild, the bloodstained hands are quiet, and the men lift their voices in praise to God. {MH 97.1}

Meanwhile the demons, cast out from their human habitation, have entered into the swine and driven them to destruction. The keepers of the swine hurry away to publish the news, and the whole population flock to meet Jesus. The two demoniacs have been the terror of the country. Now these men are clothed and in their right mind, sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to His words, and glorifying the name of Him who has made them whole. But those who behold this wonderful scene do not rejoice. The loss of the swine seems to them of greater moment than the deliverance of these captives of Satan. In terror they throng about Jesus, beseeching Him to depart from them, and He complies, taking ship at once for the opposite shore. {MH 97.2}

Far different is the feeling of the restored demoniacs. They desire the companionship of their Deliverer. In His presence they feel secure from the demons that have tormented their lives and wasted their manhood. As Jesus is about to enter the boat they keep close to His side, kneel at His feet, and beg to remain near Him, where they may listen to His words. But Jesus bids them go home and tell what great things the Lord has done for them. {MH 98.1}

Here is a work for them to do—to go to a heathen home and tell of the blessings they have received from Jesus. It is hard for them to be separated from the Saviour. Great difficulties will beset them in association with their heathen countrymen. And their long isolation from society seems to have disqualified them for this work. But as soon as He points out their duty, they are ready to obey. {MH 98.2}

Jesus taught the people at Capernaum **in their synagogues** upon several **successive Sabbaths.** They were astonished at his doctrine; for his lessons of instruction were given with power. Here **he cast out devils with his divine power.** These demons, in a most public manner, entreated him not to disturb them. Said they, What can we do to resist thy power? Has the time come now to destroy us? “I know thee, who thou art, the Holy One of God.” Demons were unable to resist the power of Christ. They surrendered to him, and in the presence of the astonished multitude, acknowledged him to be the all-powerful Son of God. The devils spoke through the mediums whom they had power to control. The ones possessed, in a most marked manner, spoke the words of the evil spirits which controlled them. These persons so peculiarly afflicted had no knowledge of Jesus. They could not of themselves understand Christ’s mission to release the captives, bound by the power of Satan, and finally accomplish his work, and destroy him who exercised this

power over human beings, and who had the power of death. The demons understood this far better than the scribes and elders, with all their learning and knowledge obtained in the schools of the prophets. They did not receive Christ, nor see anything desirable in him or his kingdom. The multitude listened with amazement to **the words of command from Christ, silencing the demons**, that they should not make him known, as he delivered the suffering subjects bound by their power. The people said among themselves, “What a word is this? for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.” {1Red 69.1}

Christ performed a miracle upon Simon Peter’s wife’s mother, rebuking the raging fever, and it immediately left her, and she rose from her bed of suffering, magnifying the Lord for his mercies. She then prepared food for Christ and his disciples; for they were weary and hungry. Thus she ministered unto those who had ministered unto her. Those who had afflicted and diseased ones, brought them to Christ, and he had pity on them all. **He healed them of their divers diseases, by laying his hands upon them. Those who had been possessed of demons were delivered by his divine power. As the devils were cast out, they made great outcries, declaring, “Thou art Christ, the Son of God.”** While his own people refused to know him, and rejected him, demons knew him, and yielded to his authority. Many who were brought to him by others, because they could not come themselves, were restored, and walked away to their own homes, to publish to the care-worn watchers, relatives, and friends, the great work which had been wrought for them by the power of Jesus. Physicians could find but little work to do in the cities. Those who had suffered many things of many physicians, and had not been made any better, but rather worse, applied to Christ, the great Physician, and were perfectly restored in a moment of time. {1Red 70.1}

The malice of the Jews was so great in consequence of the miracle of Jesus in healing the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath day, that he with his disciples withdrew to a more favorable field of labor. They went to the seaside of Galilee, and great multitudes followed him, for this new miracle wrought upon the Sabbath day was noised abroad through all that region. As Jesus taught, many of the sick, and those possessed with demons, were brought to him, and he made them whole. His great heart of love was filled with divine pity for the poor sufferers, many of whom sought only to draw near enough to touch him, believing that in so doing they would be healed,

and in this they were not disappointed, for **the touch of faith brought healing power from the great Physician, and their distress and gloom were changed to joy and thanksgiving.** He also cast out many demons, who, in leaving their victims, acknowledged Christ, saying, “Thou art the Son of God.” {2SP 201.1}

**... In nearly every instance, Christ addressed the demon as an intelligent entity, commanding him to come out of his victim and to torment him no more.** The worshipers at Capernaum, beholding his mighty power, “were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.” [Luke 4:33-36.] {GC88 515.2}

A meeting was arranged at Davis’s home on Friday evening following a service at the local church. Davis’s wife was present. As Daniells later recalled, before an audience of Australian church leaders in New South Wales: {GVEGW 117.4}

“When I began reading it to him, he became very much excited. After a little, I heard some sort of disturbance, and looking up, saw him with an open knife in his raised hand. I asked, ‘What is the matter?’ He grated his teeth and glared at me like a madman. {GVEGW 117.5}

“His wife and I appealed to him to put the knife down, but he was menacing us so wildly that I did not dare to go on reading. I did not know whether he would thrust it into me or his wife or himself. I said, ‘**Let us kneel down and pray to God. There is a God in Israel who can help us, and we must have His help.**’ {GVEGW 117.6}

“**We knelt down,** and I may tell you that I was never in a more perplexing place. I knew that demons were in the room and I knew that we must have the power of that same Christ who subdued demons and cast out devils while among men. {GVEGW 117.7}

“**The first thing I said was ‘O Lord, we come to Thee in the all-prevailing name of Jesus.’ At the mention of the name Jesus,** that man hurled his knife across the room with terrible violence. At the mention of the all-powerful name of Jesus he broke into sobs and the violence disappeared. After his wife and I had prayed, he prayed most earnestly to God to deliver him from those tormenting devils. {GVEGW 117.8}

The last time this spirit appeared to him ...Brother Davis had just gone to bed when it approached him with a terrible countenance. On reaching the bedside, it laid one hand upon him, and raised the other hand and swore that he would kill him. Brother **Davis cried out in agony, and it left.** He says that the awful visage of that spirit remained in his mind so that he could hardly sleep that night. It seemed to him that if it appeared to him again, it would surely end his life.” 31 {GVEGW 118.2}

Daniells also described the experience when he **uttered the name of Jesus in his prayer of deliverance:** {GVEGW 118.3}

**“We bowed down, and the moment I mentioned the name of Christ, the room seemed flooded with the presence of the divine Being.** I do not think I ever experienced anything like it in connection with other persons. I have a few times when alone felt the wonderful presence of God as I did that night, but I do not remember ever having done so in company ...[with any] one else. We all realized in a moment that Christ was in the room, and that Satan’s power was broken.... **We could do nothing but praise the Lord.** We did not have to ask Him to rebuke the enemy, for we knew that Jesus was there, and that Satan had left us.... **There was no question with us but what our Saviour was standing in the room.**” 32 {GVEGW 118.4}

Daniells then gave his own reaction to all that had transpired: {GVEGW 118.5}

**“I have always shrunk from meeting the devil in that form, and have dreaded the idea of having to rebuke Satan. But when I saw how the mention of the name of Christ in living faith broke the power of the enemy, scattered his darkness, and filled our hearts with light and joy and peace, I received new impressions in regard to meeting the power of the enemy.”** 33 {GVEGW 118.6}

The president concluded his letter to Mrs. White with this observation: {GVEGW 118.7}

“The Lord has shown Himself ready to give the man complete deliverance. It rests altogether with Brother Davis himself. **If he will believe God and abide in Him, he will be a free man.** I shall write to him at once, urging him to be very careful not to lose the Saviour a {GVEGW 118.8} single day. If he does,



he will lose the blessing he has received. If you have any further light on his case I shall be very glad to receive it.” 34 {GVEGW 119.1}

Angels, as ministering spirits, are in the path where duty calls the heirs of salvation to travel, and God will protect them from all evil. But when Satan marked out a path of his own, suggesting that Christ should evidence His divine character, Christ had no right to walk in that way. He was to keep His feet in the path which the Lord had marked out. Thus Christ in His humanity gave an example of what man should do when tempted by Satan’s suggestions. We are to remember what Christ our Head had done, and never accept a dare to prove the truth to men who are inspired by Satan to make proposals that God has not originated. In this way Satan would lead us to step out of the path of God’s providence, and place ourselves in a position where we might be worsted by the enemy and be overcome to our own hurt and to the injury of the cause of God. {Lt96-1900.9}

We must not permit these experiences to lead us to feel discouraged. Such experiences will come to us from time to time. Let us give no place to strange exercisings, which really take the mind away from the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. God’s work is ever characterized by calmness and dignity. We cannot afford to sanction anything that would bring in confusion and weaken our zeal in regard to the great work that God has given us to do in the world to prepare for the second coming of Christ. {Lt338-1908.8}

## **False Deliverance Ministry**

I write these things to you, Brother Irwin, that you may be prepared to meet the evil of fanaticism if you should encounter it in your experience. These persons may read the testimonies that God has given for His people, claiming that they are doing just as the testimonies enjoin. **But it makes a great difference whether or not they are under the Holy Spirit's influence.** The messages of these misguided souls should find no place in our confidence, though they may claim that their message is of God. Let them see that their course is wrong, and be converted, and take their positions as learners before they become teachers. They may claim to be under the control of the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit will never testify to a lie, never. Our work is a sacred, solemn work. We must now stand stiffly for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, teaching, as He taught, that no lie is of the truth. {Lt382-1908.19}

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→This Spirit tells us to search the Word: tells us to be earnest; and tells us to be careful about our diet; tells us exactly what you have said. {3SM 365.5}

Note: repetitive singing and phrases →

“How many I saw coming up to the falling of the plagues without a shelter. Receive ye the Holy Ghost.” These are the words I sang. I sang them over and over again. They could hear it all over the campground, and they came together; but before that, the Lord showed me how they would wring their hands as the plagues were falling. The Lord can show anything in just a moment, better than He could tell it to us. And so He showed me how they would wring their hands, and that put on me a greater burden than ever. Well, that is when they arrested us.... {3SM 366.4}

On Casting Out Demons—You have even supposed that power is given you to cast out devils. Through your influence over the human mind men and women are led to believe that they are possessed of devils, and that the Lord has appointed you as His agents for casting out these evil spirits. {3SM 376.3}

Call a Halt—My brother and sister, I have a message for you: you are starting on a false supposition. There is much of self woven into your exhibitions. Satan will come in with bewitching power, through these exhibitions. It is high time that you call a halt. If God had given you a special message for His people, you would walk and work in all humility—not as if you were on the stage of a theater, but in the meekness of a follower of the lowly Jesus of

Nazareth. You would carry an influence altogether different from that which you have been carrying. You would be anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus. {3SM 377.1}

Some of the phases of experience through which you are passing, not only endanger your own souls, but the souls of many others; because you appeal to the precious words of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, and to the Testimonies, to vouch for the genuineness of your message. In supposing that the precious Word, which is verity and truth, and the Testimonies that the Lord has given for His people, are your authority, you are deceived. You are moved by wrong impulses, and are bracing up yourselves with declarations that mislead. You attempt to make the truth of God sustain false sentiments and incorrect actions that are inconsistent and fanatical. **This makes tenfold, yes, twentyfold harder the work of the church in acquainting the people with the truths of the third angel's message.** —Letter 358, 1908 (Published in part in Selected Messages 2:44-46.) {3SM 377.3}

I was shown that it was not the Spirit of the Lord that was inspiring Brother and Sister Mackin, but the same spirit of fanaticism that is ever seeking entrance into the remnant church. Their application of Scripture to their peculiar exercises is Scripture misapplied. The work of declaring persons possessed of the devil, and then praying with them and pretending to cast out the evil spirits, is fanaticism which will bring into disrepute any church which sanctions such work. {3SM 378.2}

In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, some will seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. With the cunning of the serpent, they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many willfully pervert the Word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of the Bible. {GC88 520.4}

But He to whom all the spirits of evil were subject, and who had given his servants authority over them, was about to bring still greater shame and defeat upon those who despised and profaned his holy name. Sorcery had been prohibited in the Mosaic law, on pain of death, yet from time to time it

had been secretly practiced by apostate Jews. At the time of Paul's visit to Ephesus, there were in the city certain Jewish exorcists, who, seeing the wonders wrought by him, claimed to possess equal power. Believing that the name of Jesus acted as a charm, they determined to cast out evil spirits by the same means which the apostle had employed. {LP 136.1}

The discomfiture and humiliation of those who had profaned the name of Jesus, soon became known throughout Ephesus, by Jews and Gentiles. Unmistakable proof had been given of the sacredness of that name, and the peril which they incurred who should invoke it while they had no faith in Christ's divine mission. Terror seized the minds of many, and the work of the gospel was regarded by all with awe and reverence. {LP 136.3}

This experience gave unmistakable proof of the sacredness of Christ's name and the danger of trying to use it without faith in the Savior's divinity. "Fear fell on them all; and the name of Lord Jesus was magnified." {ULe 106.4}

**Why had they failed?** For the same reason, that they had not been taken into the Mount of Transfiguration—**because they were faithless because of their unbelief**. They had that outward faith of the probatum est (it is proved); they believed because, and what, they had seen; and they were drawn closer to Christ—at least almost all of them, though in varying measure—as to Him Who, and Who alone, spake the words of eternal life which, with wondrous power, had swayed their souls, or laid them to heaven's rest. **But that deeper, truer faith, which consisted in the spiritual view of that which was the unseen in Christ, and that higher power, which flows from such apprehension, they had not**. In such faith as they had, they spake, repeated forms of exorcism, tried to imitate their Master. But they signally failed, as did those seven Jewish Priest-sons at Ephesus. And it was intended that they should fail, that so to them and to us the higher meaning of faith as contrasted with power, the inward as contrasted with the merely outward qualification, might appear. In that hour of crisis, in the presence of questioning Scribes and a wondering populace, and in the absence of the Christ, only one power could prevail, that of spiritual faith; and that kind could not come out but by prayer.

### **Biblical Deliverance Ministry Summary**

- True deliverance ministries are founded based on the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy
- They exalt the Bible and the Testimonies
- They understand that the Bible interprets itself
- True ministries do not contradict the testimony of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy
- True ministers and consecrated lay people use the Bible and Testimonies appropriately
- They must be guided and influenced by the Holy Spirit
- True ministries are characterized by humility and meekness
- Faith, prayer and Scripture are the main three tools used by true ministries
- They have a deep and true faith, which consists in the spiritual view of that which is unseen in Christ
  - They will recognize the character and work of the major ten demons that the Messenger of the Lord mentions
- True ministers and consecrated lay people do not go out looking to cast out demons. The demoniacs often find them
- True Christians cast out demons when compelled to by the Holy Spirit
- True ministers and consecrated lay people do not seek to exert power over the human mind
- True ministries do everything openly and fairly
- True deliverance ministries are modeled on Christ's ministry of healing
- True ministers and consecrated lay people rely on God
- They make it known that they do God's work through His power alone and that it is through the power of God that they do miracles
- They understand the sacredness of Christ's name and have faith in His divinity and divine mission
- They never accept a dare to prove the truth to men who are inspired by Satan
- They do not speak repeated forms of exorcism in a mere imitation of Christ nor do they treat Jesus' name as a charm

When Christ's ministry is examined, key truths are observed. Here are the following truths from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy:

1. The demonised person will be taken to the Christian by the help of an individual or group of people or meet the Christian on their own
2. Jesus raises His hand or lays hands on the individual
3. Demoniacs will not proceed to harm the minister/lay person
4. With authority, Jesus bid unclean spirits to come out and torment no more
  - a. For the minister or lay person, they will command with authority in the name of Jesus Christ. They will base their authority on Scripture because the Bible is the only source of power.
  - b. In other circumstances, the minister or lay person may kneel down and pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ. This might be the right approach in some cases.
  - c. In circumstances involving the mentally disturbed, self-harming or suicidal individuals, prayer and fasting may be the only solution (Matthew 17:14-21).
5. Demoniacs will fall and demons will speak through the possessed person to entreat mercy
6. With great outcries, demons acknowledge the Son of God
7. When the appropriate approach is conducted, demons release their victims

The results seen in the life of the healed demoniac are these:

1. Eyes will beam with intelligence
2. Mild demeanor/ calm/no more violence
3. Sometimes weep uncontrollably
4. Praise God
5. Glorify Jesus
6. Desire the companionship of Jesus
7. As soon as Jesus points out their duty, they are ready to obey

***If they believe in God and abide in Him, they will be free.***