



SELF DELIVERANCE

CAN A CHRISTIAN HAVE A DEMON?

DISCOVERING THE
JEWISH JESUS

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**For many, the very idea
is unsettling.**

My prayer is that what
follows will bring clarity,
comfort, and a pathway
to freedom in Yeshua.



The Question: Possession or Oppression?

The word *possessed* implies ownership. Scripture makes it clear that believers belong to Yeshua. A Christian cannot be *possessed* by a demon, for they are bought and sealed by the blood of Messiah. However, demons can occupy *space* in a believer's life—mentally, emotionally, or even physically. Think of it like squatters in a house. They don't own the home, but they can remain inside unlawfully until they are driven out.

This is a truth that many struggle to accept. Yet when we examine Scripture honestly, we see that even within God's people, there were those who wrestled with unclean spirits. The good news is that Yeshua came not only to save us from sin but also to bring us into freedom and deliverance from the powers of darkness.



A Biblical Foundation

Let's begin in the Word:

Luke 4:33-35 (NASB) tells us: *"In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 'Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us?' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be quiet and come out of him!'"*

Notice this happened in the *synagogue*—the house of worship! This man wasn't out living a sinful lifestyle; he was part of the worshipping community. Yeshua met him right there and set him free.

Mark 1:39 (NASB) reinforces this truth: *"And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons."* If Jesus was driving out demons among those who gathered in places of worship, should

we not also expect that spiritual oppression can affect believers today? The same spirits that tormented people in the first century still roam the earth, seeking to inhabit and influence those who leave doors open. Paul reminds us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against rulers and powers of darkness (Ephesians 6:12, NASB).



The Dream: The Dilapidated House and the Beautiful Home

Many years ago, the Lord gave me a dream that changed my understanding of spiritual warfare. In the dream, I was living in a small, termite-infested shack. It was dark, weak, and depressing. Across the street stood a beautiful, modern home—bright, spacious, and full of light. The Spirit spoke to me, saying, “That’s your house.”

I asked, “If that’s my house, why am I not living there?” The Lord then opened my eyes, and I saw that demons were squatting in that beautiful home. Though the home belonged to me, I had been too afraid to confront those evil spirits, so I continued living in the broken shack.

At last, I grew tired of my bondage and crossed the street to take back what was mine. When I confronted the head demon, I felt powerless at first—my blows seemed to have no effect. But I refused to quit. And finally, breakthrough came. The demon’s strength broke,

and he fled. This dream revealed a powerful truth: many believers are living in spiritual poverty, oppressed by darkness, even though Yeshua has already given them the keys to freedom. Fear keeps them bound, but faith and persistence in Messiah bring victory.

How Demons Gain Access

The question then becomes—if a believer belongs to God, how can a demon gain any ground at all?

Not by ownership, but by opportunity. The enemy looks for open doors—moments or patterns that grant him access to influence mind, emotions, and even the body. Naming these doors helps us close them decisively in Yeshua.



1. Willful Sin

Sin opens doors to darkness. When we repeatedly engage in disobedience, we give the enemy legal ground to enter. Yeshua warned the man He healed in John 5:14, *“Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”*

Willful sin may include sexual immorality, bitterness, deception, or any form of rebellion against God’s Word. Each act of rebellion weakens our spiritual walls. It’s as if we leave a window open in our house during a storm, inviting the rain to come in. The longer we tolerate sin, the more damage the enemy can inflict.



2. Unforgiveness and Bitterness

Unforgiveness is one of Satan's favorite tools. Yeshua taught us to forgive as we have been forgiven. In Matthew 18:34, He described the torment that comes to those who refuse to release others. In a vision one night, the Lord showed me that a tormenting spirit had followed me from room to room in a house. When I asked the Lord how to escape, He said simply, "Release them." When I forgave the person who had hurt me, the tormentor left immediately.

Unforgiveness binds you to the past. It keeps your soul in the grip of torment. But when you release others, you release yourself.



3. Generational Spirits (Familiar Spirits)

Exodus 20:5 speaks of iniquity being passed down “to the third and fourth generation.” Familiar spirits often travel through family lines—addiction, depression, immorality, anger, and poverty can all be manifestations of this spiritual inheritance. You may find yourself battling patterns that began long before you were born.

Freedom comes when we recognize these generational influences and break them through the authority of Yeshua’s blood. Declare aloud: *“In the name of Yeshua, I sever every generational curse and familiar spirit that has attached itself to my family line. The blood of Jesus sets me free.”*



4. Wounding and Trauma

When we are wounded—through abuse, rejection, or betrayal—our hearts become vulnerable. Demons often exploit those wounds, planting lies such as “You are worthless,” or “No one loves you.” Over time, those lies create strongholds that bind the mind and emotions.

But beloved, Yeshua came to heal the brokenhearted (Luke 4:18). Healing begins when we bring our pain to Him and invite His truth to replace the lies.



5. Exposure to the Occult or False Worship

Participation in the occult—whether through horoscopes, witchcraft, séances, or even certain entertainment—opens spiritual doors. Demons are attracted to darkness. When we dabble in forbidden spiritual practices, we invite them to come near. Scripture is clear: *“Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them”* (Leviticus 19:31). Repentance and renunciation of all occult involvement are essential steps to freedom.



Closing the Doors

We do not stumble into freedom; we enter it by responding to God's Word with faith and action. What follows is not a checklist to rush through but a Spiritled journey. Read slowly, pray as you go, and let each movement become a conversation with the Lord.



1. Confession: Bringing Darkness into the Light

Confession is not selfcondemnation; it is agreeing with God about what is true. Name the specific sins, compromises, and fears. Confession shuts the enemy's mouth because the accuser loses leverage when nothing is hidden.

How to practice:

Find a quiet place. Speak aloud to the Father. Be concrete: *"Father, I confess _____. I admit I opened a door."* Pause and let His cleansing wash over you.



2. Repentance: Turning and ReAiming Your Life

Repentance (teshuvah) means turning back to God. If sin opened a door, repentance closes it. Delete the apps, change your routines, install accountability, and seek pastoral support if needed. Grace is not permission to continue; it is power to change.

How to practice:

Ask, *"What practical step aligns me with obedience today?"* Then do that step before the day ends.




3. Forgiveness: Releasing the Tormentors' Grip

Unforgiveness chains the soul to the past and grants demons ground to harass. Yeshua modeled forgiveness on the cross and calls us to do the same.

How to practice:

Pray aloud, *"Father, in Yeshua's name I forgive ____ for _____. I release them from my judgment. Heal my heart."* If emotions resist, keep forgiving daily until peace settles.



4. Renunciation and Command: Exercising Your Authority

After closing doors through confession, repentance, and forgiveness, remove the intruders. Speak to them as Yeshua did. *“Be quiet, and come out!”* (Mark 1:25) Your authority rests in His finished work, not your feelings.

How to practice:

“In the name of Yeshua the Messiah, I renounce the spirit of fear, lust, rejection, and despair. You have no right here. Leave me now.” Persist until the pressure lifts. Demons understand authority and perseverance.




5. Renewal of the Mind: Planting Truth Where Lies Once Lived Doors

Deliverance without discipleship invites relapse. Replace old narratives with Scripture until new reflexes form. Yeshua said, *"If you continue in My word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."* (John 8:31-32)

How to practice:

Build a short "truth liturgy." Morning and evening, proclaim: *"Greater is He who is in me (1 John 4:4, NASB). If I continue in His word, I will know the truth, and the truth will make me free (John 8:31-32, NASB). Whom the Son sets free is free indeed (John 8:36, NASB)."*



6. ReFilling and Formation: Keeping the House Occupied

The enemy looks for opportune moments to return (Luke 4:13). Stay filled with the Spirit through worship, Scripture, fellowship, and obedience. Freedom matures as you practice the presence of God.

How to practice:

Anchor weekly rhythms: corporate worship, a small group, and Sabbath rest. These are not duties; they are ways of keeping every room bright with His light.



Truth Encounters and Power Encounters

Before we talk about *how* to minister freedom, it helps to understand the two primary ways the teaching itself described people getting free: **power encounters** and **truth encounters**. These are not competing approaches; they often work together.



Power Encounters: The Kingdom Confronts the Darkness

A power encounter is when the authority of Yeshua directly confronts demonic power and commands it to leave. We see this throughout the Gospels: *"Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be quiet and come out of him!'"* (Mark 1:25). Results can be immediate and dramatic. Yet even when freedom comes swiftly, discipleship must follow so that the "house" stays filled.



Truth Encounters: Lies Replaced by Revelation

A truth encounter happens as the Spirit exposes lies and replaces them with the Word. Yeshua promised, *"If you continue in My word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."* (John 8:31-32). Many longstanding bondages dissolve as believers consistently confess truth, forgive, and practice renewed thinking.



How They Work Together

Often, a power encounter opens space for a truth encounter. A person may receive an immediate breakthrough as darkness is commanded to leave, and then learn to walk in truth so the enemy cannot regain ground. Conversely, a season of truth encounters—daily renouncing lies, renewing the mind, and practicing obedience—often culminates in a decisive moment of power where the last resistance breaks. Think of power as *eviction* and truth as *renovation*. Yeshua wants both for you.



A Simple Ministry Flow That Reflects This Teaching

- **Invite** the Holy Spirit: exalt Yeshua and welcome His peace.
- **Identify** the issue: sin, lie, wound, or generational pattern.
- **Renounce** the enemy's claim in Yeshua's name and **command** it to go.
- **Replace** with Scripture: speak God's truth aloud over the specific area.
- **Refill**: worship, communion, thanksgiving—keep the house occupied.
- **Reinforce**: establish new habits so freedom matures into lifestyle.



Living Free and Staying Free

Freedom is a process of continual surrender. Luke 4:13 (NASB) shows that even after resisting, the devil looked for an “opportune time”—so remain watchful. Therefore, maintain your freedom by keeping your spiritual armor on. Stay close to the Lord, remain in community, and cultivate daily intimacy with Him.

When you continue in His Word, you build inner strength. Yeshua said in John 8:31–32, *“If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples. And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”* Freedom is maintained by truth, obedience, and persistence.

Beloved, those who belong to Yeshua cannot be owned by the devil; yet unclean spirits may occupy ground when doors are open. Scripture and experience show five common entry points: willful sin, unforgiveness, generational patterns, wounding, and occult involvement.

Closing those doors looks like confession, repentance, forgiveness, renunciation, and the renewal of the mind—followed by a life filled with the Spirit. Freedom often arrives through a holy *both/and*: a **power encounter** that evicts the intruder and ongoing **truth encounters** that renovate the heart and keep the house filled. Walk this path steadily, and you will not merely have a testimony of deliverance—you will cultivate a lifestyle of freedom in Yeshua.



Closing Prayer

Father God, in Yeshua's name, I speak freedom and healing over every reader. I command every unclean spirit to leave in the name of Yeshua the Nazarene. Lord, fill each heart with Your light and peace. May every believer walk in the fullness of their inheritance—free, whole, and filled with Your Spirit. Thank You, Jesus, that whom You set free is free indeed. Amen.

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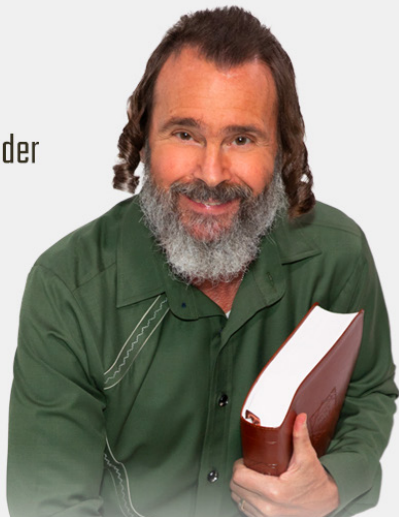
Central to the LORD's plan is Israel and the Jewish people. Romans 11:11 explains that the Gentile believer has been chosen by God to bring the witness of the LORD to the Jewish people. As this message of Yeshua is brought back to, and received by, the Jewish people, they will say, "Baruch Haba B'Shem Adonai" - "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!" and in so doing, usher in Yeshua's return (Matthew 23:39).

Through understanding the Old Testament and its prophetic nature, with Yeshua as its fulfillment, the viewer's faith is strengthened, increased relationship and intimacy with the LORD is discovered, and an end-times vision of life is crystallized. "Discovering The Jewish Jesus" is an end-times ministry, strengthening the church and calling her to be a readied bride for the return of the Bridegroom, Yeshua Ha Mashiach (Jesus The Messiah).

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