

Self Deliverance: Occupying Space



Scripture

- **Luke 13:10-16**

And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who for eighteen years had a sickness caused by a spirit and she bent double, and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.”

And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God. But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response,

“There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him? And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

- **Matthew 17:15-18**

Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.” And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.

Other Scriptures

- Revelation 3:21
- Ephesians 6:12
- I Peter 5:8

Main Points

- Jesus is the great deliverer.
- Jesus wants to teach us how to fight the powers of darkness for ourselves.
- It is important that we don't hide from the reality that we live in a world where demons and Satan dwell.
- A demon is a spiritual force of darkness with divine intelligence and personality.
- Darkness can invade our mind (our thinking) and cause fear, anxiety, and worry.
- We have to know our enemy before we can defeat him.
- Demons are squatters who unrightfully occupy one's space and must be driven out.

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- As soon as you face the devil, he has to flee from you.

Discussion Questions

1. What obstructions do you find in your thinking toward the idea of demonic oppression?
How did today's teaching help remove those obstructions?
2. If Jesus demonstrated authority over the demonic world in his day and age, what does that say to us today about the activity of Satan and his demons?
Should we be more aware of their activity than we are? Is rejection of this teaching, rejection of the Word of God?
3. Continue to take assessment of areas of your life and thoughts that could indeed be under attack by the unseen world. Would you like to be free?